



Rater Call for Missouri Interpreter Certification Test



The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be hosting a two day Missouri Interpreter Certification Test rater training on May 16th-17th, 2014, in Jefferson City, Missouri. This training will be for both hearing and Deaf raters. Please see below for rater responsibilities and criteria.

Please submit your letter of interest or a signed video with your interest to become a rater and a current resume to: peggy.withrow@mcdhh.mo.gov.

Rater Responsibilities:

1. Evaluate the expressive and receptive skills of interpreter candidates who take the Basic, Advanced, or Master level performance tests by utilizing the prescribed subjective and objective scoring methodology established by the BEI Board and test development experts
2. Attend mandatory training sessions prior to participating in rater scoring sessions
3. Shall consistently score within an acceptable standard deviation range to ensure a high level of inter-rater reliability
4. Shall contribute effective dialogue by discussing the candidates work objectively while using appropriate linguistic terminology

Hearing Interpreter Raters will score a candidate's performance to assess their proficiency in the following areas:

1. Spoken English-to-ASL
2. Spoken English-to-Signed English
3. ASL-to-Spoken English
4. Signed English-to-Spoken English
5. Written English-to-ASL (Sight Translation)

Criteria for becoming a Hearing Interpreter Missouri BEI rater:

- Preferably an AA Degree or higher
- Preferably possess a minimum of 10 years interpreting experience
- Knowledgeable of linguistics, sign language theory, and interpreting
- Able to effectively work in a team
- Interpreters shall hold MICS Advanced or Comprehensive Certification
*or a Certification from another entity that is recognized by the BCI as equivalent, pursuant to 5 CSR 100-200.170

All interpreter raters will be expected to take the TEP (written exam) and the BEI performance exam within 1 year of their rater training.

Deaf Raters will score a candidate's performance to assess their proficiency in the following areas:

1. Spoken English-to-ASL
2. Spoken English-to-Signed English
3. Written English-to-ASL (Sight Translation)

Criteria for becoming a Deaf Missouri BEI rater:

- Preferably an AA Degree or higher
- Preferably possess a minimum of 10 years of working with interpreters or interpreter training students (ex. mentoring, teaching ASL or interpreting classes)
- Knowledgeable of linguistics, sign language theory, and interpreting
- Able to effectively work in a team
- Preferably CDI Certification through RID

The deadline to submit information is 5/2/14. Candidates selected to attend the rater training will be contacted no later than 5/9/14. Raters will be selected from the pool of candidates after the training is completed. It is possible that not all candidates will be selected to be a rater.